

Public Comments: San Diego, December 4

- San Diego saves more than 200 thousand AF per year, and will save four times that amount in 20 years. 13 percent of projected water use will be from reuse by the year 2015. We need to be able to count on more water from the CALFED process, a reliable supply, improved conveyance to facilitate water transfers, improved water quality and ecosystem restoration.
- Water reliability is important to San Diego's economy, but it must also be cost effective.
- Who is water going to come from in times of drought, the environment, agriculture or urban?
- What is the difference between isolated facility and peripheral canal?
- Southern California is not getting a benefit from 204. Southern California passed it, and they are paying for it.
- How can Southern California get more water from the areas of origin?
- When will the Category III grants be announced?
- How many people are here from the general public, not affiliated with a group? (10 hands)
- We don't need more water. We need to use water more efficiently. We need limits. The answer is not to keep "pumping and paving."
- How far into the future is this plan working?
- What is the downside of letting some of the levees go?
- San Diego has paid for significant conservation efforts, we were the first to implement BMPs. California is not running out of water, we just need to manage it better. The following need to be included in the solution: more water, reliability, good ecological solution, but the price needs to be fair.
- How can you protect the environment when you are building structures capable of extracting water? How will you ensure too much water will not be taken out of the Delta? You need to demand that San Diego conserve more water. We can do a better job of conservation. Some agricultural crops should not be in a desert area.
- Has there been one issue prevalent at all public meetings, or have you heard any issues that were surprises?

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- Projected growth is 15 million people in California. 10 million of those will likely live in Southern California. Our current supplies are not enough. Growth is not from immigration, it is from births.
- Why do we need to protect the levees? Why not buy the land and let them go? Crops grown there are not of high value. Use the isolated facility instead.
- How can you get anything done without redirected impacts?
- Will all of these problems be adequately addressed in the EIR?
- San Diego County is the leader in water conservation. MWD has helped fund this effort in San Diego. Water use is currently 12 percent down, and was 23 percent in drought.
- Have you considered the use of gray water?